

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AREA BOARD 2
“APPROVED” MEETING MINUTES for NOVEMBER 4-5, 2010
Oxford Suites, Redding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Concklin
Rosie Johansen
Jean Phillips (11/4/10)
Colleen Ryberg
Steven Sharpe
Leroy Shipp
Larry Stevens
Mike Yalow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debbie Anderson
Marie L. Blair
Verdine Mertens

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Keehn, ABII Ex. Director
Sarah May, Community Program Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Larson, FNRC Executive Dir.
Margaret Shipp, FNRC BOD, REI BOD
Robert Brown, Parent, CAC Shasta Co.
Ryan Duncanwood, Self Advocate, SABE Rep.
Mike, Ryan D.'s Support Staff (11/4/10)
Kameron, Ryan D.'s Support Staff (11/5/10)
Suzi Coleman, Connecting to Care (11/4/10)
Geoffrey Barley, Connecting to Care (11/4/10)
Mary Ann Weston, FNRC (11/5/10)
Tammy Torum, WCALF Ex. Director (11/5/10)
Mike Hanson, FNRC (11/5/10)
Katie Bullock, ILSNC (11/5/10)

1. CALL TO ORDER – November 4, 2010 – 1:01p.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

- A. Introduction** All introduced themselves. Robin provided updates on absent members. Robert Brown shared his application with the Governor's office is complete and waiting.
- B. Announcements** Sarah reported on CalATERS (California's Automated Travel Expense Reimbursement System) and noted checks will be sent directly to Board Member's homes. Robin reviewed the handouts, explained the "sign-up" sheets and noted any 3-hole punched document is for Board Binders. Larry Stevens suggested that when documents such as BOD Rosters are updated, the changes be bolded or color coded.
- C. Public Input** Margaret Shipp introduced herself and Cocoa, their Chihuahua.

2. ACTION ITEMS – Leroy Shipp, *Chair

- *A.** Approval of November 4-5, 2010 Agenda -
MOTION – That the agenda be approved as written.
M/S/C - M. Yalow/S. Sharpe/ Passed Unanimously
- *B.** Approval of September 16-17, 2010 Minutes -
MOTION – That the minutes be approved as written.
M/S/C - M. Yalow /S. Sharpe/Passed Unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE – Colleen Ryberg, *Secretary*

Colleen Ryberg, *Secretary*, shared a recent correspondence from Butte County Coordinating Council thanking the Area Board 2 for their contribution and support of the "15th Annual BCCC Recognition Celebration". She read an email from Debbie Anderson, Plumas County Representative, saying the showing of the film "Horse Boy", in Quincy, was a big success and well attended. Unfortunately their People First Chapter is currently inactive. Colleen thanked Area Board 2 for supporting her attendance at the Supported Life Conference in Sacramento and FNRC's Focus Film Festival. She greatly enjoyed and learned a lot from both experiences.

4. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG) Plan – All Board Members

Robin reported the SCDD is still working on finalizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the funding amount for local Area Board grants. However, local grants will likely be less than \$60K as last reported.

A. Review PDG Timeline & Activity Plan Robin reviewed the draft timeline in the packet and noted it will be revised once the PDG process is finalized. The Board discussed and supported asking the community for input on needed projects in concept paper/needs assessment approach or even full proposal, rather than sending out RFP's for specific detailed projects. The Board expressed interest in funding several grants (up to 5-6) rather than one large one.

B. Discuss and Adopt Plan Staff will adjust the timeline and Plan after receiving final directions from the SCDD, likely in Jan. The Board wants to work as a "Committee of the Whole".

C. Discussion of Possible PDG Projects PDG project must be related to our Strategic Plan. Robin provided updates and details on our Strategic Plan activities. Robin encouraged the Board to review the Plan with their community to prepare and stimulate ideas for the PDG projects.

5. CHAIR REPORT – Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

A. SCDD Board & Committee Meetings Leroy reported that today was the "Oversight of California's Regional Centers Hearing" resulting from the Bureau of State Audit (BSA) report. He noted many effective members on the SCDD Board are ending their terms. At the last SCDD meeting Carol Risley shared a project seeking employers input on how to increase jobs for individuals with developmental disabilities. Leroy reported on the new Federal Mandates around Restraint and Seclusion and increased consequences if used. He reported that SCDD no longer has an Administrative Committee, that business will be covered under Executive Committee. The next SCDD meeting is December 16-17, 2010.

B. Supported Life and Other Events Leroy reported his experiences at Supported Life Conference and FNRC's Focus Film Festival. He was motivated by the messages of the power of voting and getting involved!

C. Other Leroy reported the SCDD is preparing "Briefing Paper" for the new Governor about the State Council and local Area Boards including our role in the D.D. system, the history, accomplishments and current issues of concern.

6. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY – Suzi Coleman M.A., *Connecting to Care*

Suzi Coleman, Director of Tele-Health Services and Geoffrey Barley, Manager of Assistive Technology presented information about their agency. The Assistive Technology (AT) program specializes in alternative communication. They provide services to all people, all ages and even organizations. Geoffrey assess a person's AT needs, tries different devices to find the "best fit"; helps locate funding sources; orders equipment; provides 1:1 training; and, hosts small group practice sessions. He talked about the barriers and issues, such as, schools not allowing a student's AT to be taken home. Ms. Coleman talked about the Tele-Health/Tele-Psychiatry program that works with 60 primary care doctors of FNRC consumers. They connect doctors to highly specialize physicians in other locations, even countries. Using advanced camera and monitor equipment and technology, more than 500 Tele-Psychiatry consultations have been provided in 10 years. Services are provided, by referral, from the FNRC Service Coordinator. For more information contact: Connecting to Care at (530)722-1156.

7. RECESS 4:30 P.M. UNTIL 9:00A.M. FRIDAY AT OXFORD SUITES IN REDDING

1. CALL TO ORDER – November 5, 2010 – 9:01a.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

- A.** Introductions – All introduced themselves.
- B.** Announcements – Sarah gathered hotel receipts and paperwork with signatures.
- C.** Public Input – Robert Brown, Shasta County SELPA Finance Committee Member and CAC Member, reported the County's Autism Specialist Position may be eliminated. AB2 members expressed concerns and advocated that the position be maintained.

Larry Stevens shared an idea he had after attending the Focus Film Festival. First, he provided an update on Aaron Fotheringham's latest accomplishment of a *double flip* in his wheelchair which was featured on ABC's Person of the Week! Larry's vision is to organize an "Extreme Sports" Expo, highlighting athlete abilities and specialized equipment. Robin just attended an "Adaptive Sports Day" at CSU-Chico with 80+ students with disabilities from all over the north state. Teachers, grandparents, even the head of the Dept of Rehabilitation was there experiencing how sports connect and inspire people. She noted a project like Larry's could lead to great collaboration with Chico State and other non-disability groups in the community. Larry also shared a Redding man's "Self-Worth Project" using photography to address fears we all have about being "good enough" and passed around a collection of his photographs.

2. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY – Katie Bullock, *Assistive Technology Coordinator, ILSNC*

Katie Bullock, Assistive Technology Coordinator for Independent Living Services of Northern California (ILSNC), provided the history of her agency and the services provided. Katie discussed assistive technology resources focusing on "independent living", visual and hearing devices. ILSNC recycles and trial loans "durable medical equipment". She demonstrated low tech devices and emphasized the importance of testing before purchasing. For more information, contact Katie at (530)242-8550.

Shane Nurnberg, Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California (RFENC) was also present. He discussed a variety of I-Phone device applications, specifically *proloquo2go*, which are especially useful for people with autism. Shane provides training on the uses of these relatively low-cost applications that help people with autism communicate and accomplish daily life tasks. More information is available on his website: www.autismepicenter.com.

3. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, *Executive Director*

Laura Larson introduced Mike Hanson and Mary Ann Weston, FNRC, who are responsible for the design and maintenance of FNRC's website. Mike and Mary Ann provided a detailed presentation demonstrating how to navigate and access a huge amount of information and resources about: FNRC, the DD System & Action Alerts, Services & Providers, Self Advocacy & Peer Training, Special Projects & Events, and useful links. All found at: www.farnorthern.org.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Robin Keehn, *Executive Director*

- A. FY 2010-11 Allocation & Expenditure Report** Robin discussed the new 2010-11 AB2 Allocation and reviewed July 1 – September 30, 2010, 1st Quarter Expenditure Report.
- B. Activity Report** Robin reviewed upcoming activities including the Glenn County Coordinating Council's 2nd Film Night and work with Court Appointed Special Advocates (C.A.S.A.). She is facilitating a training for CASA about the DD system and parenting services in December.
- C. Other** Robin attended the national tour of "Mad as Hell Doctors" at CSU-Chico in Oct. They are promoting "Single-Payer Health Care" and she would like AB2 involvement. She also reported on meeting and being impressed with Katie Snow at Supported Life. Ms. Snow is a parent and the author of *Disability Is Natural*. Robin would like her to come to our area and

work with RFENC & WCALF educating and inspiring parents and self advocates. Robin verified the Boards interest in a June retreat with FNRC's Board at Mt. Shasta and asked for input on topics and structure. The Board directed Robin to move forward with coordination and planning.

5. COMMUNITY PROGRAM SPECIALIST II REPORT – Sarah May, CPSII

- A. Community Outreach Report** Sarah reviewed current activities and projects, including DAT, SCCC projects, Advocacy Networking, community outreach and referred her prepared "Activity Report" included in packet for further questions.
- B. BCCC 15th Annual Recognition Celebration Final Report** Sarah shared the success and highlights of the event, including the performance by Theatre In the Now, Andy Holcombe, Office of Clients' Rights receiving this year's *Lanterman Outstanding Services Award*, and the numerous contributions from the community to support the event!
- C. Advocacy Projects** Sarah reviewed advocacy cases and successful outcomes.

6. COUNTY UPDATES – EMERGING ISSUES/NEEDS/RESOURCES – All Members

Butte County – *Steven Sharpe* reported that Gridley People First continues efforts to increase membership. He shared his wife's success and employment at Little Red Hen's Gift Shop!

Leroy Shipp complimented Robin on her draft "Letter to the Editor" provided to the members on Disability History Week. Robin noted Verdine was a big help on the letter. Leroy reported more on his SCDD activities in Sacramento. Leroy encouraged AB2 members to provide him input on what they want to know or share at upcoming SCDD meetings.

Glenn County– *Mike Yalow* reported he retired from Prop 22 Political Action Committee (PAC). He also shared how exciting his experience was at the Supported Life Conference where he collected numerous resources and networked with many people. Mike reported on the Rusty Wagon project in Orland and the 12/7/10 Business Symposium, a joint project between Orland City Council Business Development and CSU-Chico.

Shasta County – *Rosie Johansen* provided updates on Shasta County People First.

Siskiyou County – *Stephen Concklin* reported he attended the last CAC meeting, which included a panel presentation from Siskiyou County SELPA on employment and discussion of Autism. One parent attended. He plans to attend the Nov. 17th meeting with a presentation on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Tehama County – *Larry Stevens* thanked Marie Blair for having him convert the VHS "Don't Laugh at Me" anti-bully/teasing video. Larry contacted the company that produced the video and they sent him free resources including the Teacher Guide. He shared the resources with the School Board and is planning on sharing them with Districts and then schools.

Trinity County - *Colleen Ryberg* reported more on her Supported Life and Focus Film Festival experiences. She hopes to bring a Focus Film Festival to Weaverville. Shascade's Tie Dye shop is doing well.

7. ADJOURN – 12:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - February 10 - 11, 2011 -- Oxford Suites, Chico.